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Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Amend claims 1, 10, 19, 23 and 26 as follows (a copy of this amendment indicating the requested changes in mark-up format is attached).

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1. (Amended Twice) A cytometer apparatus comprising:
 - a rotating means adapted to receive and rotate a transparent cylinder along a longitudinal axis of the transparent cylinder;
 - a light source adapted to illuminate at least a portion of said transparent cylinder while the transparent cylinder is being rotated by the rotating means;
 - a detector adapted to detect a light signal provided by said light source and reflected from said transparent cylinder while the transparent cylinder is being rotated by the rotating means;
 - determining means for determining at least one cytometric characteristic of a sample disposed in said transparent cylinder based on said light signal; and